

1. (ORIGINAL) A matching network hybrid electro-magnetic compatibility absorber to provide improved radio frequency absorbing performance in a frequency range of approximately 20 MHz to approximately 500 MHz, comprising:

a big element;

5 a small element that is located beneath the big element;

the big element comprises a big element surface;

the small element comprises a small element surface;

a big element coating that covers a predetermined portion of the big element surface;

and

10 a small element coating that covers a predetermined portion of the small element surface.

2. (ORIGINAL) The matching network hybrid electro-magnetic compatibility absorber of claim 1, wherein the matching network hybrid electro-magnetic compatibility absorber comprises a substantially pyramid-like shape;

5 the predetermined portion of the big element surface comprises less than an entirety of the big element surface; and

the predetermined portion of the small element surface comprises less than an entirety of the small element surface.

3. (ORIGINAL) The matching network hybrid electro-magnetic compatibility absorber of claim 1, wherein at least one of the big element coating and the small element coating comprises a substantially tear drop shape.

4. (ORIGINAL) The matching network hybrid electro-magnetic compatibility absorber of claim 1, wherein at least one of the big element coating and the small element coating comprises a predetermined thickness.

5. (ORIGINAL) The matching network hybrid electro-magnetic compatibility absorber of claim 1, wherein the big element and the small element are separated by a predetermined distance.

6. (ORIGINAL) The matching network hybrid electro-magnetic compatibility absorber of claim 1, wherein the big element comprises at least two surfaces; and a distance between the at least two surfaces comprises a predetermined thickness.

7. (ORIGINAL) The matching network hybrid electro-magnetic compatibility absorber of claim 1, wherein the big element coating comprises a first material; and the small element coating comprises a second material.

8. (ORIGINAL) The matching network hybrid electro-magnetic compatibility absorber of claim 1, further comprising at least one additional big element coating that covers at least one additional predetermined portion of the big element surface, the at least one additional predetermined portion of the big element surface being less than an entirety of the big element surface.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A matching network hybrid electro-magnetic compatibility absorber [to provide improved radio frequency absorbing performance in a frequency range of approximately 20 MHz to approximately 500 MHz] comprising:

- a layer comprising a surface; and
- 5 a coating that covers a predetermined portion of the surface that is less than the entire surface.

10. (ORIGINAL) The matching network hybrid electro-magnetic compatibility absorber of claim 9, wherein the coating comprises a predetermined shape.

11. (ORIGINAL) The matching network hybrid electro-magnetic compatibility absorber of claim 9, wherein the layer comprises at least one additional surface; and

at least one additional coating covers a predetermined portion of the at least one additional surface, the predetermined portion of the at least one additional surface comprises

5 less than an entirety of the least one additional surface.

12. (ORIGINAL) The matching network hybrid electro-magnetic compatibility absorber of claim 9, further comprising at least one additional layer, the at least one additional layer comprises at least one additional surface; and

at least one additional coating covers a predetermined portion of the at least one additional surface, the predetermined portion of the at least one additional surface comprises

5 less than an entirety of the least one additional surface.

13. (ORIGINAL) The matching network hybrid electro-magnetic compatibility absorber of claim 9, further comprising at least two elements; and

at least one of the two elements comprises the layer.

14. (ORIGINAL) The matching network hybrid electro-magnetic compatibility absorber of claim 9, wherein the layer comprises at least one additional surface; and a distance between the surface and the at least one additional surface comprises a predetermined thickness.

Claim 15 is hereby cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A matching network hybrid electro-magnetic compatibility absorber, comprising:

an absorber comprising a surface having a coating;

the coating ~~comprising at least one of a coating type, having a coating shape, a~~
5 ~~coating thickness, and a coating placement; and~~
~~at least one of the coating type, wherein the coating shape, the coating thickness,~~
~~and the coating placement~~ is varied as a design parameter to permit absorption of radio frequency energy in a frequency range extending from approximately 500 MHz to approximately 40 GHz.

17. (ORIGINAL) The matching network hybrid electro-magnetic compatibility absorber of claim 16, wherein the coating shape comprises a substantially tear drop shape.

Claim 18 is hereby cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

19. (ORIGINAL) The matching network hybrid electro-magnetic compatibility absorber of claim 16, wherein the coating covers less than an entirety of the surface.

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20. (ORIGINAL) The matching network hybrid electro-magnetic compatibility absorber of claim 16, wherein the surface comprises at least one additional coating that comprises at least one of at least one additional coating type, at least one additional coating shape, at least one additional coating thickness, and at least one additional coating placement.
